

A G E N D A

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION
MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 1965

1. Approval of minutes of meetings held Dec. 14-15, 1964 (2)
2. Ratification of acceptances of following contracts for Boat Launching Ramps, Fish & Game Division: (2)
 - ✓✓ a) Contract No. 5528-Boat Launching Ramp, on Old River at Mansura, Winford Company Inc., Contractor (2)
 - ✓✓ b) Contract No. 5542-Boat Launching Ramp on Bayou Corney on D'Arbonne Lake, Union Parish, J.T. Richardson, Contractor. (3)
 - ✓✓ c) Contract No. 5544-Boat Launching Ramps Nos. 1 & 4 on Chenier Lake, Ouachita Parish, W.C. Salley, Contractor. (4)
- ✓✓ 3. Ratification of acceptance of Contract No. 5521 for construction Humble Canal West Levee Setback, Parts 1 and 2, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Glaser Construction Company, Contractor. (5)
- ✓✓ 4. Ratification of approval of contract No. 5561 for construction of boat launching ramp on Ouachita River, Union Parish, J.T. Richardson contractor and acceptance of work. (6)
5. ~~Dept. of Hospitals - Request for transfer of building 410 Charte~~
- ✓ 6. Georgia-Pacific Game Management Area. (7)
7. ~~Morehouse Parish Police Jury request for turkey season.~~
- ✓ 8. Sport fishing on Rockefeller and ~~Saline Refuges~~ (9)
- ✓ 9. Bids for trapping on Pass-a-Loutre Area. (9)
- ✓ 10. Thistlewaite Wildlife Management Area - Request for hog hunt. (11)
11. ~~Waddill State Wildlife Area - Request of deeds by State Parks & Recreation Commission.~~
- ✓ 12. Experimental teal hunting season Sept. 1965. (12)
13. ~~St. Mary Parish Police Jury request to extend muskrat trapping season.~~ (16)
- ✓ 14. Mississippi Game & Fish Commission - Reciprocal agreement. (16)
- ✓ 15. Initiate fox trial Program for State of Louisiana. (16)
- ✓ 16. Survey of Saline Game Management Area (18)
17. Other business -
 - ✓ Nature Trails for bird watchers etc. (17)
 - ✓ Saline W. & Mgt Area. Request for licensed surveyor (18)
 - ✓ Law Books for 1964 distributed (19)
 - ✓ Hughes Unlimited - Resolution to pay balance due 1/6/39. (20)
 - ✓ Bayou St. John fish stocking Request of Rep. Jas. Moran (20)

**PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

JANUARY 25 and 26, 1965

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, January 25 and 26, 1965.

The informal meeting, held on Monday, January 25, 1965, consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs on general department matters and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, January 26, 1965, in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were as follows:

- ✓ Ray Whatley, Chairman
- ✓ John Edwin Kyle Jr., Vice-Chairman
- ✓ A. J. Suquet
- ✓ John Paul Grain
- ✓ H. B. Fairchild
- ✓ Jimmie Thompson
- ✓ H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None

Chairman Whatley called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on December 14 and 15, 1964, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Whatley called upon Mr. Joe Herring, Chief, Fish and Game Division, relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring requested ratification of acceptances of the following contracts for Boat Launching Ramps, Fish and Game Division:

- a) Contract No. 5528 - Boat Launching Ramp on Old River at Mansura, Winford Company Inc., Contractor.
- b) Contract No. 5542 - Boat Launching Ramp on Bayou Corney on D'Arbonne Lake, Union Parish, J. T. Richardson, Contractor
- c) Contract No. 5544 - Boat Launching Ramps Nos. 1 & 4 on Chenier Lake, Ouachita Parish, W.C. Salley, Contractor.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild

Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5528, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Winford Company Inc., Contractor for the construction of a Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Old River, at Mansura, in Avoyelles Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Winford Company Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5528, with said Commission, dated September 3, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of January 6, 1965, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Avoyelles Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5542, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and J. T. Richardson, Contractor, for the construction of Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Bayou Corney on D'Arbonne Lake, in Union Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by J. T. Richardson, Contractor, under Contract No. 5542, with said Commission, dated October 6, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of December 30, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Union Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5544, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and W. C. Salley, Contractor for the construction of Boat Launching Ramps Nos. 1 and 4 on Cheniere Lake, in Ouachita Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by W. C. Salley, Contractor, under Contract No. 5544, with said Commission, dated October 21, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, under date of December 30, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Ouachita Parish, be and

the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Mr. Emswinger, Chief, Refuge Division, was called to the floor relative to acceptance of Contract No. 5521.

Mr. Emswinger recommended the acceptance of Contract No. 5521 for the construction of Humble Canal West Levee Setback, Parts 1 and 2, Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Glaser Construction Company, Contractor.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5521, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Glaser Construction Company, Contractor for the construction of the Humble Canal West Levee Setback, Part I, and the Humble Canal East Levee Setback, Part II, on the Rockefeller Wild Life Refuge and Game Preserve, in Cameron Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Glaser Construction Company, Contractor, under Contract No. 5521, with said Commission, dated August 5, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action of the Director, under date of December 30, 1964, wherein he filed notice of

acceptance with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, he and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Mr. Herring then requested Commission ratification of approval of Contract No. 5561 for the construction of boat launching ramp on the Ouachita River, Union Parish, J. T. Richardson, contractor, and also recommended acceptance of the work on this contract.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of Contract No. 5561 for the construction of boat launching ramp on the Ouachita River, Union Parish, J. T. Richardson, Contractor, in the amount of \$3,184.38.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5561, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries

Commission and J. T. Richardson, for construction of a Boat Launching Ramp on the West Bank of the Ouachita River, in Union Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by J.T.Richardson, Contractor, under Contract No. 5561, with said Commission, dated January 13, 1965, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Union, Louisiana.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the Georgia-Pacific Management Area.

Mr. Yancey stated that we had received a letter from the Georgia-Pacific Corporation stating that they had sold approximately one-half of the land which is under lease to the Commission as a Game Management Area, in Morehouse Parish. He stated that we had also received a letter from the new owner, Mr. John Barton, of Baton Rouge, offering to lease the land to the Commission which he purchased from Georgia-Pacific Corp. for the purpose of continuing the property under the present wildlife arrangement. He requested that the Commission pass a resolution giving the Director authority to amend the old lease with Georgia-Pacific Corp. to delete only the lands they sold in the area, and to negotiate a lease with Mr.

Barton for this same acreage that he purchased from Georgia-Pacific Corp. By making these changes, the Georgia-Pacific Game Management Area, in Morehouse Parish, will remain intact as it now stands.

Chairman Whatley stated that Mr. Barton was very interested in having these lands made available to the public for hunting.

On motion of Mr. Duquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to negotiate a lease with the new owner, John Barton, for lands recently purchased from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, for the establishment of a Game Management Area, under the same terms and conditions as in the past and that the Director be authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to amend the existing lease with Georgia-Pacific Corporation to delete the lands they have sold in the Georgia-Pacific Game Management Area, and that the Director be authorized to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Ensinger was called to the floor relative to sport fishing on Rockefeller Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that under the Deed of Donation, the Commission is permitted to allow sport fishing on Rockefeller Refuge from March 1 to October 1 of each year; that in the past, visitor's permits were issued annually and some 8,000 permits were issued, which required a lot of work to get these out and the individual had to go to the refuge each year to secure them; that he would like to revise the permits by making them permanent permits until revoked; that these permits would be revoked if violations of the regulations occurred; that by making the permits on a permanent basis, it would seem to him a better system and would cut down a lot of work and expense.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that visitor permits for fishing on Rockefeller Refuge be revised so as to make them permanent permits, unless revoked for violations of the rules and regulations, instead of an annual permit as in the past, and that these permits be valid only from March 1 to October 1 of each year.

Chairman Whatley stated that several months ago, Mr. Ensminger presented a suggestion for issuing a nutria trapping lease on Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, with the Division of Administration soliciting bids for the lease, and he called upon Mr. Ensminger for a report.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the Division of Administration received only one bid for the taking of nutria from the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, and this bid was received after the close of the required bidding period, consequently, it was returned to the bidder.

He stated that since the close of the waterfowl season, they had numerous requests at the headquarter facilities from trappers to take nutria off of the area. Several poachers have been expelled from the area and one case was filed for night hunting.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issues permits to various hunters for removing nutria from their Delta Wildlife Refuge, located at Pilettown; that under this permit they require the individual to check in with the Refuge Manager each morning and check out each afternoon. At the time they check out, they give him the number of nutria taken. He also said that under this permit, they are not allowed to hunt at night, so it gives a good control over the activities of the hunters. He said he would like to recommend that we initiate a program of this nature for the taking of nutria on our Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area for the remainder of the 1964-65 trapping season.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission issue permits to hunters, upon application, for the removal of nutria from Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area for the remainder of the 1964-65 trapping season. The permit to require that the individual check in with the Refuge Manager each morning and check out in the afternoon, giving the number of nutria taken and that night hunting will be prohibited. In this way, the Commission will have good control over the activities of the hunters.

Mr. Joe Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring stated that the Fish and Game Division requests an 8-day controlled hog hunt to be held on the Thistlethwaite Wildlife Management Area; that the purpose in holding this hunt is to eliminate agricultural damage by hogs which are present on the area. Also, the wildlife population of squirrels and deer are helped considerably by eliminating free ranging hogs which consume large quantities of acorns and other mast; that we have full clearance with the landowners and hog owners in accordance with a parish ordinance to conduct such a hunt for the public; that the proposed dates for this hunt are February 5 through February 12, 1965.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Duquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon the recommendations of the Chief of the Fish and Game Division, a controlled hunt for hogs be held on the Thistlethwaite Game Management Area, as follows:

- 1) A special hog control hunt be held on Thistlethwaite Game Management Area on February 5 through February 12, 1965.
- 2) Hunters be allowed to remove from the area all hogs killed during the hunts.
- 3) Hunters be issued daily permits. The number of daily permits to be limited - - this number to be increased by hunt supervisor until suitable pressure is reached.
- 4) No limit restriction to size or sex of animals to be made.
- 5) Animals may be taken with rifle, shotgun or bows.

It being further understood that the primary purpose of the managed hunt was reduction and control of the hog population in that area as requested by both the management area land-owners and the adjacent farmers.

Chairman Whatley stated the next item was the Experimental Teal Hunting Season in September, 1965. He said a great deal of work has been done by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to give us this experimental teal hunting season for the coming year, and he called upon Mr. Yancey for details.

Mr. Yancey stated that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had requested the establishment of a special advance September hunting season on teal for a number of years, and finally this request has been granted giving us a 9-day experimental teal hunting season, in the Mississippi Flyway, but that the Commission should decide upon several matters relating to this experimental season as authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Mississippi Flyway during the month of September, 1965.

He stated the Commission should decide:

- 1) If it wishes to participate in this experimental hunting season.
- 2) The 9-day period during which it would wish to set the hunting season during September.
- 3) Would it wish to open the entire State during this experimental teal season?

"Certainly the Commission will wish to participate in this season since it has long advocated same" said Mr. Yancey. He continued - "By so doing, however, it should be realized that the Commission will agree to handle the issuance of permits to all hunters as outlined in the attached, to collect a number of wings for study, to conduct a pre and post-season teal banding program, and to observe a number of blinds that are in use by hunters to gather information on the kill of other species"

of ducks, etc. This work program must be agreed to by the Commission since the Fish and Wildlife Service feels that this is necessary in order to evaluate the effects of the hunting season on the duck populations. This will, of course, bring about an extra work load; however, it is within the means of the department to fulfill these obligations.

"The Commission may wish to consider the open hunting season period to begin at sunrise Saturday, September 18th and end at sunset, Sunday, September 26th. This 9-day period would include the last two week-ends in September and good numbers of blue-winged teal will be present in the state at that time.

"The opening of all or part of Louisiana during this season should also be decided upon. Blue-winged teal frequent the coastal marshes and rice fields in large numbers in September; however, they are also found in good numbers on Catahoula Lake and in limited numbers on the impoundments of north and western Louisiana, and on the other open water lakes, rivers and streams. There is no particular reason why the entire state should not be opened during the teal season; however, some minor enforcement problems may arise in the woodland areas frequented only by wood ducks. This, however, no doubt can be met by a concentrated enforcement program during this 9-day period to insure that no wood ducks or species other than teal are taken.

"This first September teal season is strictly experimental and if it is highly successful, no doubt this program will be continued in future years. It will largely be up to the hunters as to whether or not these special seasons are continued. If the regulations are strictly adhered to and no shooting of mottled ducks, wood ducks or other species takes place during the season and no other special problems arise, it is believed that these seasons will be carried out in the future. A concentrated publicity campaign in advance of the season can do much to insure that this will be a success. "

Chairman Whatley stated that the latest dates in September are good because there would be more birds and cooler weather which would make it more interesting for the hunters. He inquired as to bag and possession limits.

Mr. Yancey stated the bag limit would be 4 and possession limit 8.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission participate in the special experimental teal season in 1965, and that it agrees to carry out the responsibilities assigned to this State as outlined in the summary statement forwarded with the recent letter received from the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D.C.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Statewide open hunting season period for teal will begin at sunrise on Saturday, September 18, 1965, and end at sunset on Sunday, September 26, 1965, and that the bag limit will be 4 and possession limit 8.

Mr. Nathan Levy, President, St. Mary Parish Police Jury, was called to the floor relative to the Police Jury request for muskrat trapping season; however, he informed the Board that his request could be taken care of by the Chiefs of the Fur Division and the Enforcement Division, as it did not require Board action.

Chairman Whatley called upon Director J.D. Hair Jr., relative to the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission request.

Director Hair stated that he had received quite a lot of correspondence and telephone calls from individuals and the Mississippi Game and Fish Commission, and he had a letter from the Assistant Director, John P. Camp Jr., requesting that several members of our Board meet in Jackson, Miss., to work out mutual problems along the State Line, not only with fishing, but with hunting as well. He stated he would check with the Board Members to see when they could get together with the Mississippi people and would advise them accordingly.

Chairman Whatley stated that a number of sportsmen who hunted fox have requested help to initiate field trial programs for fox in the State. He stated that they were not interested

in killing the game, but were only interested in running fox with their dogs. He stated - "We have done a great deal for our deer hunters, squirrel hunters and even the bow hunters, and if there is any way we can find land to assist this group for their trials, we will do so. We would like to announce that we had intended to initiate such a program, and if possible, the Commission will set aside land for this type of sport.

Chairman Whatley called upon Mr. Fairchild for comment.

Mr. Fairchild stated he thought it was a good idea; that there were many sportsmen in the State who do a lot of fox and coon hunting; that we could get some of these areas suited for that purpose in North Louisiana, Central Louisiana and South Louisiana; that we could help them in their endeavors and they would surely appreciate it; that we had done a good job for deer, ducks, squirrels, etc., and this is really a good project.

Chairman Whatley called upon Mr. Herring to comment on progress made pertaining to nature trails.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission was going to work out something for the bird watchers in providing trails throughout the State; that we do have quite a few requests from garden clubs, school groups, civic groups, and nature lovers, and these trails could be maintained on our wildlife management

areas; that we have one nature trail completed on Red Dirt; one has been started on Union Parish Wildlife Management Area, and one has been started on our Jackson-Bienville Wildlife Management Area. Plans are to have one in each of the Commission's districts, which is a total of 8. They would be constructed and maintained by our Wildlife Instructors and work will begin once more on this project when school is out in May.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor with reference to survey of Saline Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Yancey stated that we had requested the Department of Public Works to survey the Saline Wildlife Management Area about 9 months ago. They agreed to do so at that time; however, due to a heavy work load on their part on other projects, very little has been accomplished to date. The early completion of this survey is essential if trouble is to be avoided with the 50 to 60 private camps located on the area. It is also badly needed in order that the entire boundary around the game management area can be properly marked in order that hunting can be regulated in accordance with Commission rules.

Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission employ a licensed surveyor to make a survey of the Saline Wildlife

Management Area, in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes. He stated that he talked with Mr. Hu B. Myers, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, and he indicated that it would probably cost about \$200.00 a mile to survey the Southwestern area meander line, and perhaps we could get someone to survey the other land for about \$100 to \$130 per mile. The total cost may run slightly over \$10,000.00, but it is very important to have the survey made at this time so work may begin.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorize the Director to employ a licensed surveyor to survey the Saline Wildlife Management Area boundaries so that owners of public camps on State property may be notified, in writing, that their camps must be removed from State property.

Director Hair stated that the Commission had received the new Law Books, which replaces the red and yellow books; that as soon as all of the books are received from the printer, they will be distributed in the field; that in our Training School at L.S.U., instructors will spend time on the new sections put in the 1964 session of the Legislature.

Chairman Whatley called upon Director Hair for a report of

funds given to Ducks Unlimited by the Commission.

Director Hair stated that 25¢ on each license sold goes to Ducks Unlimited; that every year, we usually forward a check in advance to them and when license books are received from the Parish Sheriffs, an audit is made, and we send Ducks Unlimited the balance due, if any. Director Hair stated the total licenses sold in 1963-64 was 266,556, or a total of \$66,639.00 for Ducks Unlimited portion. Payment was made in the amount of \$50,000.00, so there is a balance due of \$16,639 for 1963-64. He requested authority from the Board to pay Ducks Unlimited the balance due.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorize the Director to forward check in the amount of \$16,639.00 to Ducks Unlimited, which represents the balance due them on the sale of hunting licenses sold during the 1963-64 season.

Representative James Moreau, who was present at the meeting, asked for the floor and requested the Commission to stock Bayou St. John with fish. Mr. Herring was directed to have the Fish and Game Division check Bayou St. John as soon as

possible to find out what may be done to improve fishing in this Bayou and to stock fish if needed.

Chairman Whatley thanked the press and the people present for attending the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting adjourned.

J. D. Hair Jr., Director and Secretary

